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U.S.-Mexico Trade: 2006 Figures Highest in Trade History

During the 2001-2003 period, U.S.-Mexico trade had been relatively flat. Since this period, trade between the partners continued to grow with each subsequent year—2003 (\$235.6 billion), 2004 (\$266.6 billion) and 2005 (\$290.2 billion).

Last year's 2005 figure was the highest ever recorded total trade dollar value (\$290.2 billion) between the trading partners. At the end of 2006, the total trade dollar value registered at \$332.5 billion—surpassing that of 2005 and making it the highest ever recorded.

In the first quarter 2006, estimates pointed towards continued increases in U.S. exports to Mexico and U.S. imports from Mexico. These increases were in the double-digit range for the 2006 year. Previously in 2005, the range of increase were below the double-digit range.

2006 exports dollar value finished with an 11.8 percent increase above last year's, and imports dollar value ended with a 16.5 percent increase over 2005. Therefore, total trade ended with a 14.6 percent increase (\$332.5 billion in total trade value) over 2005—\$290.2 billion (See Table 1). Along with the trade values, the U.S. trade deficit with Mexico also grew—\$64.1 billion in 2006 compared to \$50.2 billion in 2005.

The handling of merchandise (79.2 percent of the trade dollar value) in U.S.-Mexico trade is done primarily via border ports of entry. Tables 2 through 6 delineate the activity at the border and the 27 ports of entry on the U.S.-Mexico border in terms of the dollar value of U.S. exports to Mexico, and U.S. imports from Mexico passing through them respectively.

—B. Garcia

Table 1
U.S.-Mexico Trade
(In Billions of U.S. Dollars)

	2005 Total	2006 Total	'05 vs. '06 Percent Change
U.S. Exports to Mexico	120.0	134.2	11.8
U.S. Imports from Mexico	170.2	198.3	16.5
Total Trade	290.2	332.5	14.6

Table 2
U.S.-Mexico Trade Processed by U.S.-Mexico Border Ports
(In Billions of U.S. Dollars)

	2005 Total	2006 Total	'05 vs. '06 Percent Change
U.S. Exports to Mexico	100.2	111.7	11.5
U.S. Imports from Mexico	132.1	151.5	14.7
Total Trade	232.3	263.2	13.3

Table 3
U.S.-Mexico Total Trade Processed by Texas Border Ports
(In Billions of U.S. Dollars)

	2005 Total	2006 Total	'05 vs. '06 Percent Change
Texas Border Ports	178.3	199.2	11.7
Other U.S.-Mexico Border Ports	54.0	64.1	18.7
Total Trade	232.3	263.3	13.3

Note: Figures may not match due to rounding.

Table 4
Total U.S.-Mexico Trade
Processed by U.S.-Mexico Border Ports
(In U.S. Dollars)

Port of Entry	2005 Total	2006 Total	'05 vs. '06 Percent Change
Brownsville	11,451,023,837	12,629,196,999	10.3
Del Rio	3,038,923,035	3,114,930,520	2.5
Eagle Pass	7,690,076,988	11,246,299,823	46.2
Laredo	93,829,400,567	104,142,381,600	11.0
Hidalgo	18,266,865,446	20,034,032,274	9.7
Rio Grande	234,126,659	372,713,549	59.2
Progreso	135,994,031	218,880,024	60.9
Roma	78,194,044	142,080,018	81.7
Edinburg Airport	465,300	4,059	-99.1
El Paso	43,136,082,287	46,814,195,895	8.5
Presidio	390,263,199	461,074,557	18.1
Fabens	5,002,327	1,176,029	-76.5
Columbus	52,560,843	49,160,844	-6.5
Santa Teresa	1,179,860,548	1,165,967,330	-1.2
Santa Teresa Airport	7,875	14,220	80.6
Andrade	2,823,635	1,795,682	-36.4
Calexico	12,417,598	30,999,233	149.6
San Ysidro	138,115,839	145,671,002	5.5
Tecate	1,157,201,922	1,207,624,032	4.4
Otay Mesa Station	24,448,305,636	28,633,645,264	17.1
Calexico-East	10,750,239,111	11,642,882,447	8.3
Douglas	1,118,104,400	1,156,083,431	3.4
Lukeville	15,207,732	9,359,858	-38.5
Naco	109,985,425	132,892,520	20.8
Nogales	14,067,392,392	18,872,063,070	34.2
Sasabe	5,587,023	622,862	-88.9
San Luis	978,776,927	1,008,023,491	3.0
Total	232,293,004,626	263,233,770,633	13.3

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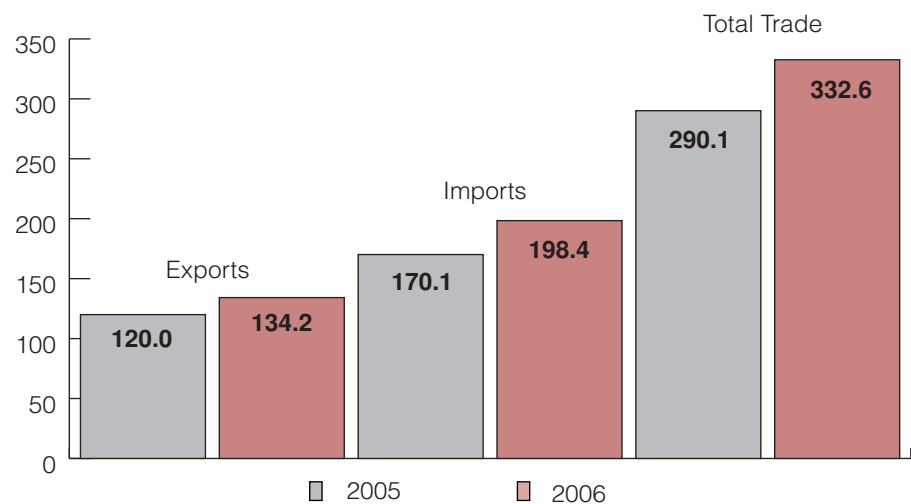
Note from the Director

Indicators of border business activity for December 2006 end-of-year (EOY) demonstrated fourteen indicators increased and eight decreased. 2006 EOY comparisons to 2005 reported for the border are listed below:

- Pedestrian bridge crossings into Mexico were up 1.4 percent.
- Pedestrian bridge crossings into Texas were down 0.1 percent.
- Vehicle bridge crossings into Mexico fell 2.5 percent.
- Vehicle bridge crossings into Texas fell 4.6 percent.
- Truck bridge crossings into Mexico gained 6.5 percent.
- Truck bridge crossings into Texas gained 2.7 percent.
- Rail car bridge crossings into Mexico went up 1.7 percent.
- Rail car bridge crossings into Texas went up 18.4 percent.
- Revenues collected by U.S. Customs increased 1.8 percent.
- Revenues collected by U.S. bridge operators registered a gain of 8.3 percent.
- Tourist visas issued for entry into Mexico were up 3.5 percent.
- Total employment was up 3.4 percent, with 16,048 jobs gained. The average unemployment rate for the border in December 2006 was 5.1 percent.
- Total building permits issued rose 17.8 percent.
- Total building permit values increased 6.1 percent.
- Power connections in service for residential were up 2.6 percent, commercial were up 1.6 percent and industrial were down 0.6 percent.
- Air passenger arrivals were down 2.0 percent, and departures were down 2.1 percent.
- Total cargo for the Port of Brownsville increased 12.8 percent.
- Inbound cargo for the Port of Corpus Christi went down 0.9 percent, and outbound cargo went down 1.8 percent.

U.S.-Mexico Trade at a Glance

December 2006 End-of-Year
(In Billions of U.S.\$)



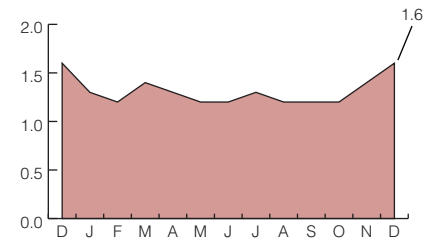
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Foreign Trade Division, Data Dissemination Branch

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Pedestrian Bridge Crossings from Texas to Mexico

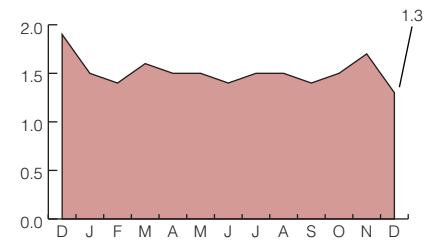
City	Dec 06	%Share	05 vs. 06		EOY 05	EOY 06	%Share	%Chg
			%Chg					EOY
Brownsville	220,366	13.7	-8.8		2,212,799	2,278,801	14.7	3.0
Del Rio	3,560	0.2	-16.7		50,050	43,407	0.3	-13.3
Eagle Pass	70,999	4.4	5.1		618,217	619,601	4.0	0.2
El Paso	561,698	34.8	1.4		5,569,782	5,295,157	34.3	-4.9
Harlingen	46	0.0	-36.1		1,109	810	0.0	-27.0
Laredo	428,721	26.6	-4.0		3,990,423	4,159,935	26.9	4.2
McAllen-Hidalgo	175,838	10.9	8.8		1,389,613	1,554,143	10.1	11.8
Progreso	126,870	7.9	-3.3		1,235,913	1,285,349	8.3	4.0
Rio Grande	54	0.0	-34.9		1,649	784	0.0	-52.5
Roma	24,099	1.5	10.8		171,041	214,328	1.4	25.3
Total	1,612,251	100.0	-1.0		15,240,596	15,452,315	100.0	1.4

Source: U.S. bridge operators in cited cities

Pedestrians into Mexico All Cited Cities
Dec. 2005 vs. Dec. 2006: Down **1.0%**
(In Millions)**Pedestrian Bridge Crossings from Mexico to Texas**

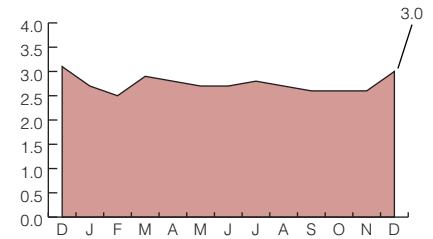
City	Dec 06	%Share	05 vs. 06		EOY 05	EOY 06	%Share	%Chg
			%Chg					EOY
Brownsville	270,494	21.5	-5.0		2,665,373	2,731,300	15.4	2.5
Del Rio	6,531	0.5	3.0		79,034	67,086	0.4	-15.1
Eagle Pass	80,555	6.4	6.8		699,812	721,729	4.1	3.1
El Paso	N/A	0.0	-100.0		6,765,909	6,095,561	34.3	-9.9
Laredo	511,244	40.7	3.2		4,413,531	4,641,368	26.1	5.2
McAllen-Hidalgo	230,824	18.4	11.0		1,692,017	1,948,427	11.0	15.2
Presidio	N/A	0.0	-100.0		24,521	20,569	0.1	-16.1
Progreso	126,617	10.1	-0.6		1,223,254	1,282,959	7.2	4.9
Rio Grande	1,518	0.1	14.9		12,150	15,537	0.1	27.9
Roma	28,200	2.2	14.7		211,740	249,184	1.4	17.7
Total	1,255,983	100.0	-34.6		17,787,341	17,773,720	100.0	-0.1

Source: Oficina de Caminos y Puentes Federales, Mexico

Pedestrians into Texas All Cited Cities
Dec. 2005 vs. Dec. 2006: Down **34.6%**
(In Millions)**Vehicle Bridge Crossings from Texas to Mexico**

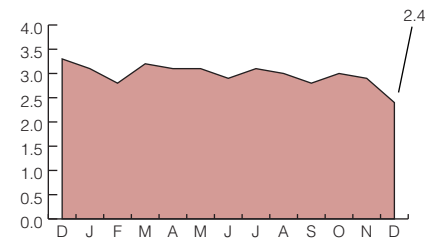
City	Dec 06	%Share	05 vs. 06		EOY 05	EOY 06	%Share	%Chg
			%Chg					EOY
Brownsville	668,520	22.1	5.9		6,754,652	6,777,434	20.9	0.3
Del Rio	158,803	5.2	-0.4		1,705,913	1,717,924	5.3	0.7
Eagle Pass	274,927	9.1	-10.0		3,173,365	2,979,397	9.2	-6.1
El Paso	439,094	14.5	0.2		4,745,048	4,771,989	14.7	0.6
Harlingen	67,826	2.2	-1.2		701,321	716,674	2.2	2.2
Laredo	563,328	18.6	-5.9		6,460,368	5,990,047	18.4	-7.3
McAllen-Hidalgo	470,210	15.5	-8.5		5,457,785	5,220,492	16.1	-4.3
Pharr	158,398	5.2	-0.6		1,708,415	1,767,275	5.4	3.4
Progreso	84,552	2.8	-7.0		1,011,488	1,004,509	3.1	-0.7
Rio Grande	49,773	1.6	-13.5		598,867	564,521	1.7	-5.7
Roma	93,433	3.1	-4.4		1,027,943	987,632	3.0	-3.9
Total	3,028,864	100.0	-3.0		33,345,165	32,497,894	100.0	-2.5

Source: U.S. bridge operators in cited cities

Vehicles into Mexico All Cited Cities
Dec. 2005 vs. Dec. 2006: Down **3.0%**
(In Millions)**Vehicle Bridge Crossings from Mexico to Texas**

City	Dec 06	%Share	05 vs. 06		EOY 05	EOY 06	%Share	%Chg
			%Chg					EOY
Brownsville	576,951	23.7	-7.2		6,780,371	6,756,082	19.0	-0.4
Del Rio	161,275	6.6	-0.7		1,820,274	1,848,976	5.2	1.6
Eagle Pass	271,690	11.2	-11.0		3,293,491	3,110,048	8.8	-5.6
El Paso	N/A	0.0	-100.0		7,096,912	6,413,089	18.1	-9.6
Harlingen	78,814	3.2	7.9		781,394	795,384	2.2	1.8
Laredo	497,684	20.5	-9.9		6,486,987	5,981,680	16.9	-7.8
McAllen-Hidalgo	417,162	17.1	-10.7		5,165,431	4,879,310	13.8	-5.5
Pharr	200,590	8.2	-4.6		2,309,882	2,377,835	6.7	2.9
Presidio	N/A	0.0	-100.0		741,549	688,497	1.9	-7.2
Progreso	89,079	3.7	-4.0		1,020,124	1,032,557	2.9	1.2
Rio Grande	54,568	2.2	-6.5		663,969	628,012	1.8	-5.4
Roma	85,342	3.5	-5.7		1,025,699	973,814	2.7	-5.1
Total	2,433,155	100.0	-26.8		37,186,083	35,485,284	100.0	-4.6

Source: Oficina de Caminos y Puentes Federales, Mexico

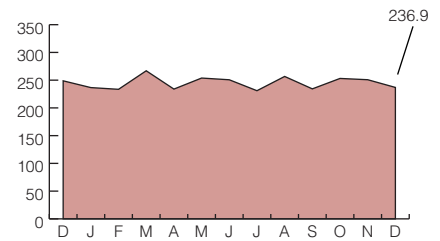
Vehicles into Texas All Cited Cities
Dec. 2005 vs. Dec. 2006: Down **26.8%**
(In Millions)

Truck Bridge Crossings from Texas to Mexico

City	Dec 06	%Share	05 vs. 06		EOY 05	EOY 06	%Share	%Chg
			%Chg					
Brownsville	15,131	6.4	-10.3		208,563	217,183	7.4	4.1
Del Rio	4,856	2.0	-4.4		82,605	70,904	2.4	-14.2
Eagle Pass	6,994	3.0	-2.2		95,804	97,116	3.3	1.4
El Paso	23,020	9.7	0.2		306,406	322,252	11.0	5.2
Harlingen	2,253	1.0	-29.1		43,261	37,451	1.3	-13.4
Laredo	149,497	63.1	-3.3		1,543,388	1,704,727	58.0	10.5
McAllen-Hidalgo	499	0.2	-81.9		22,068	10,056	0.3	-54.4
Pharr	29,268	12.4	-3.2		389,912	406,304	13.8	4.2
Progreso	2,226	0.9	-11.2		23,974	28,233	1.0	17.8
Rio Grande	2,450	1.0	-1.4		33,333	33,524	1.1	0.6
Roma	747	0.3	-17.9		9,965	10,508	0.4	5.4
Total	236,941	100.0	-4.8		2,759,279	2,938,258	100.0	6.5

Source: U.S. bridge operators in cited cities

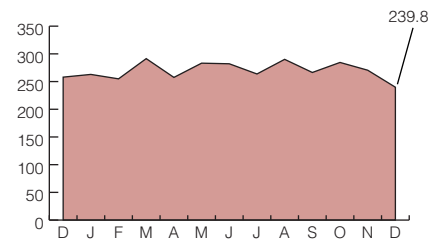
Note: Figures include loaded and empty trucks. El Paso figures do not include Bridge of the Americas.

Trucks into Mexico All Cited Cities
Dec. 2005 vs. Dec. 2006: Down 4.8%
(In Thousands)**Truck Bridge Crossings from Mexico to Texas**

City	Dec 06	%Share	05 vs. 06		EOY 05	EOY 06	%Share	%Chg
			%Chg					
Brownsville	14,042	5.9	-11.8		192,060	201,435	6.2	4.9
Del Rio	4,545	1.9	-1.8		64,075	65,487	2.0	2.2
Eagle Pass	7,185	3.0	-1.9		97,729	97,567	3.0	-0.2
El Paso	55,206	23.0	-2.9		740,654	774,641	23.9	4.6
Falcon Heights	5	0.0	0.0		76	35	0.0	-53.9
Harlingen	2,530	1.1	-0.2		42,580	41,681	1.3	-2.1
Laredo	117,194	48.9	-6.5		1,455,607	1,519,622	46.8	4.4
Pharr	32,852	13.7	-13.1		483,889	457,825	14.1	-5.4
Presidio	518	0.2	-39.1		5,763	6,306	0.2	9.4
Progreso	2,429	1.0	0.7		23,807	31,533	1.0	32.5
Rio Grande	2,724	1.1	-25.1		46,308	42,375	1.3	-8.5
Roma	555	0.2	-16.7		8,270	8,467	0.3	2.4
Total	239,785	100.0	-7.1		3,160,818	3,246,974	100.0	2.7

Source: South Texas Customs Management Center, Laredo & U.S. Customs Office of Public Affairs, El Paso

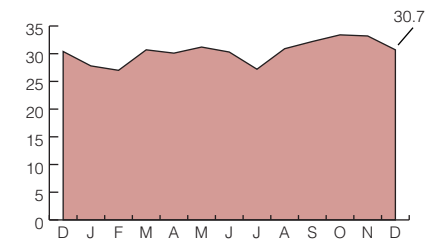
Note: Figures include loaded and empty trucks.

Trucks into Texas All Cited Cities
Dec. 2005 vs. Dec. 2006: Down 7.1%
(In Thousands)**Rail Car Crossings from Texas to Mexico**

City	Dec 06	%Share	05 vs. 06		EOY 05	EOY 06	%Share	%Chg
			%Chg					
Brownsville	3,888	12.6	3.2		38,839	50,809	13.9	30.8
Eagle Pass	6,743	21.9	5.3		77,619	75,406	20.7	-2.9
El Paso	N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Laredo	20,115	65.4	-0.4		242,300	238,594	65.4	-1.5
Total	30,746	100.0	1.3		358,758	364,809	100.0	1.7

Source: Railroad companies in cited cities

Note: Figures for El Paso are not available.

Rail Cars into Mexico All Cited Cities
Dec. 2005 vs. Dec. 2006: Up 1.3%
(In Thousands)**Rail Car Crossings from Mexico to Texas**

City	Dec 06	%Share	05 vs. 06		EOY 05	EOY 06	%Share	%Chg
			%Chg					
Brownsville	557	2.2	17.5		6,927	5,815	1.9	-16.1
Eagle Pass	2,581	10.2	-34.1		25,211	43,460	13.9	72.4
El Paso	8,626	34.0	11.3		65,522	101,171	32.3	54.4
Laredo	13,624	53.7	5.5		167,106	163,015	52.0	-2.4
Total	25,388	100.0	1.3		264,766	313,461	100.0	18.4

Source: Railroad companies in cited cities & U.S. Customs Office of Public Affairs, El Paso

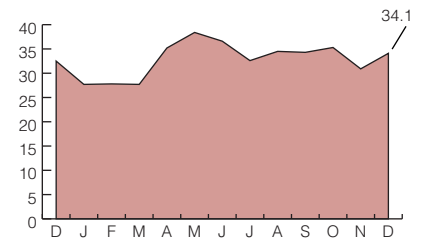
Rail Cars into Texas All Cited Cities
Dec. 2005 vs. Dec. 2006: Up 1.3%
(In Thousands)

Revenues Collected by U.S. Customs District of Laredo (in U.S.\$)

City	Dec 06	%Share	05 vs. 06		EOY 05	EOY 06	%Share	EOY %Chg
			%Chg					
Brownsville	2,135,853	6.3	2.7		28,147,532	23,702,300	6.0	-15.8
Del Rio	164,404	0.5	26.0		1,439,326	2,144,928	0.5	49.0
Eagle Pass	403,657	1.2	-78.7		15,848,918	14,735,798	3.7	-7.0
McAllen-Hidalgo	5,215,374	15.3	14.4		53,877,129	51,196,014	13.0	-5.0
Laredo	26,068,061	76.4	9.8		287,889,059	302,034,547	76.4	4.9
Progreso	32,779	0.1	-5.9		338,723	393,743	0.1	16.2
Rio Grande	15,163	0.0	-19.2		254,120	315,446	0.1	24.1
Roma	86,620	0.3	171.9		437,852	565,979	0.1	29.3
Total	34,121,911	100.0	5.0		388,232,660	395,088,755	100.0	1.8

Source: South Texas Customs Management Center, Laredo

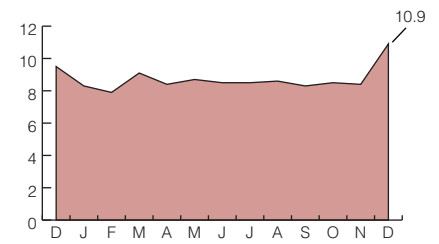
Note: Totals may not add up due to rounding.

Customs Revenues for the District of Laredo
Dec. 2005 vs. Dec. 2006: Up 5.0%
(In Millions of U.S.\$)**Revenues Collected by U.S. Bridge Operators (in U.S.\$)**

City	Dec 06	%Share	05 vs. 06		EOY 05	EOY 06	%Share	EOY %Chg
			%Chg					
Brownsville	3,056,829	28.1	113.7		14,557,107	17,351,862	16.7	19.2
Del Rio	380,153	3.5	17.4		3,452,472	3,526,374	3.4	2.1
Eagle Pass	721,968	6.6	10.2		6,968,640	6,842,994	6.6	-1.8
El Paso	1,268,058	11.7	-1.6		13,999,855	14,313,315	13.8	2.2
Harlingen	198,060	1.8	-4.0		2,130,185	2,280,439	2.2	7.1
Laredo	3,420,997	31.5	-5.1		34,502,471	39,081,666	37.6	13.3
McAllen-Hidalgo	1,000,870	9.2	-8.7		11,277,967	10,975,910	10.6	-2.7
Pharr	574,263	5.3	-2.4		6,635,842	6,996,823	6.7	5.4
Roma	254,187	2.3	-4.3		2,350,125	2,496,890	2.4	6.2
Total	10,875,385	100.0	15.0		95,874,664	103,866,273	100.0	8.3

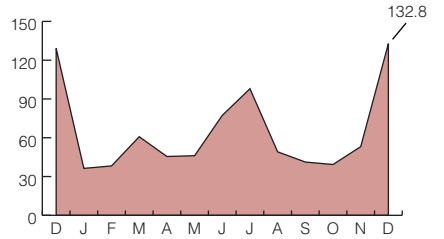
Source: U.S. bridge operators in cited cities

Note: El Paso figures do not include Bridge of the Americas (Toll-free). Totals may not add up due to rounding.

Bridge Revenues All Cited Cities
Dec. 2005 vs. Dec. 2006: Up 15.0%
(In Millions of U.S.\$)**Tourist Visas Issued for Entry into Mexico**

City	Dec 06	%Share	05 vs. 06		EOY 05	EOY 06	%Share	EOY %Chg
			%Chg					
Del Rio	2,619	2.0	-1.8		9,499	9,592	1.3	1.0
El Paso	25,839	19.5	-1.7		134,905	130,789	18.2	-3.1
McAllen-Hidalgo	19,719	14.9	-3.0		140,377	138,706	19.3	-1.2
Brownsville	15,460	11.6	0.2		87,791	89,316	12.4	1.7
Laredo	63,177	47.6	7.8		285,951	314,124	43.8	9.9
Eagle Pass	5,953	4.5	2.3		35,351	35,300	4.9	-0.1
Total	132,767	100.0	2.8		693,874	717,827	100.0	3.5

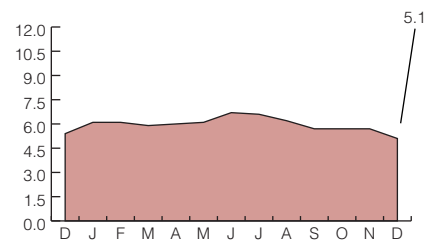
Source: Instituto Nacional de Migración, Mexico

Tourist Visas Issued All Cited Cities
Dec. 2005 vs. Dec. 2006: Up 2.8%
(In Thousands)**Employment & Unemployment Rates (Texas Border)**

City	Employed		%Unemp	Emp Avg		05 vs. 06	Gain/Loss
	Dec 06	Dec 06		EOY 05	EOY 06	Emp %Chg	EOY
Brownsville	58,082	3,509	5.7	55,043	56,935	3.4	1,892
Del Rio	15,186	809	5.1	14,806	14,926	0.8	119
El Paso	245,674	14,564	5.6	234,959	239,943	2.1	4,984
Harlingen	24,220	1,201	4.7	22,952	23,741	3.4	789
Laredo	84,489	3,519	4.0	76,796	81,543	6.2	4,747
McAllen	58,093	2,644	4.4	53,612	56,154	4.7	2,542
Pharr	22,278	1,178	5.0	20,560	21,535	4.7	975
Total	508,022	27,424	5.1	478,728	494,776	3.4	16,048
Texas Unemployment Rate			4.1				
U.S. Unemployment Rate			4.3				

Source: Texas Workforce Commission

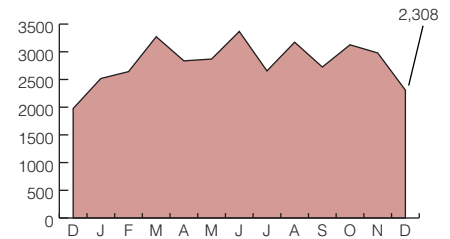
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Percent of Unemployment All Cited Cities Combined
Dec. 2005 vs. Dec. 2006: Down 2.4%
(In Percent)

Building Permits

Number	05 vs. 06			EOY			
City	Dec 06	%Share	%Chg	EOY 05	EOY 06	%Share	%Chg
Brownsville	189	8.2	-26.5	3,487	3,225	9.4	-7.5
Del Rio	46	2.0	-72.8	2,584	2,372	6.9	-8.2
Eagle Pass	35	1.5	20.7	564	449	1.3	-20.4
El Paso	996	43.2	28.0	12,686	12,803	37.1	0.9
Harlingen	228	9.9	-25.0	3,322	3,562	10.3	7.2
Laredo	532	23.1	103.1	4,331	8,606	25.0	98.7
McAllen	282	12.2	59.3	2,295	3,453	10.0	50.5
Total	2,308	100.0	16.8	29,269	34,470	100.0	17.8

Building Permits All Cited Cities
Dec. 2005 vs. Dec. 2006
(Number of Permits): Up **16.8%**



Dollar Value	05 vs. 06			EOY			
City	Dec 06	%Share	%Chg	EOY 05	EOY 06	%Share	%Chg
Brownsville	9,280,006	6.6	-61.7	262,092,766	239,992,263	11.4	-8.4
Del Rio	2,102,546	1.5	107.1	27,304,277	42,155,782	2.0	54.4
Eagle Pass	4,589,388	3.3	-1.2	50,569,169	29,125,064	1.4	-42.4
El Paso	75,224,831	53.8	39.3	861,577,135	901,951,060	42.7	4.7
Harlingen	4,247,745	3.0	-52.0	80,105,066	95,429,426	4.5	19.1
Laredo	23,802,403	17.0	-41.0	428,354,414	444,353,759	21.0	3.7
McAllen	20,555,858	14.7	16.8	280,904,924	359,467,479	17.0	28.0
Total	139,802,777	100.0	-7.2	1,990,907,752	2,112,474,832	100.0	6.1

Source: Permit Departments in cited cities

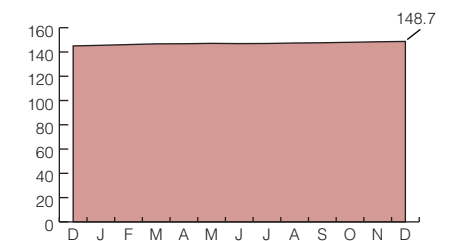
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(Value of Permits In Millions of U.S.\$): Down **7.2%**

**Power Connections (in Service)**

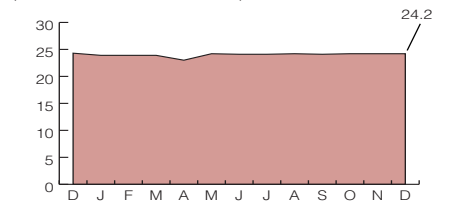
Residential	05 vs. 06			Average			
City	Dec 06	%Share	%Chg	EOY 05	EOY 06	%Share	%Chg
Brownsville	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Del Rio	14,921	10.0	1.7	14,680	14,851	10.1	1.2
Eagle Pass	11,096	7.5	2.1	10,763	10,992	7.5	2.1
El Paso	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Harlingen	23,890	16.1	2.7	23,099	23,592	16.0	2.1
Laredo	60,672	40.8	2.8	58,116	60,100	40.8	3.4
McAllen	38,157	25.7	2.7	36,737	37,646	25.6	2.5
Total	148,736	100.0	2.6	143,395	147,181	100.0	2.6

Power Connections All Cited Cities
Dec. 2005 vs. Dec. 2006
(Residential – In Thousands): Up **2.6%**



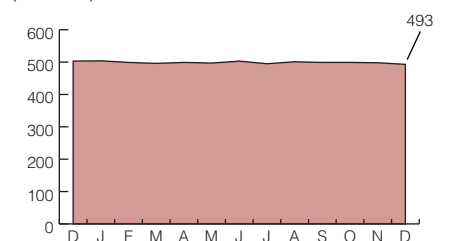
Commercial	05 vs. 06			Average			
City	Dec 06	%Share	%Chg	EOY 05	EOY 06	%Share	%Chg
Brownsville	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Del Rio	2,364	9.8	0.5	2,315	2,348	9.8	1.4
Eagle Pass	1,671	6.9	-2.5	1,691	1,699	7.1	0.5
El Paso	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Harlingen	4,031	16.7	-2.6	4,023	4,036	16.8	0.3
Laredo	9,286	38.4	1.4	8,933	9,121	38.0	2.1
McAllen	6,855	28.3	-1.6	6,651	6,793	28.3	2.1
Total	24,207	100.0	-0.5	23,612	23,996	100.0	1.6

(Commercial – In Thousands): Down **0.5%**



Industrial	05 vs. 06			Average			
City	Dec 06	%Share	%Chg	EOY 05	EOY 06	%Share	%Chg
Brownsville	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Del Rio	43	8.7	-4.4	44	44	8.8	-1.5
Eagle Pass	30	6.1	0.0	31	29	5.8	-6.0
El Paso	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Harlingen	102	20.7	0.0	103	103	20.7	0.7
Laredo	200	40.6	-1.0	203	201	40.4	-0.9
McAllen	118	23.9	-4.8	121	121	24.3	0.3
Total	493	100.0	-2.0	502	499	100.0	-0.6

(Industrial): Down **2.0%**



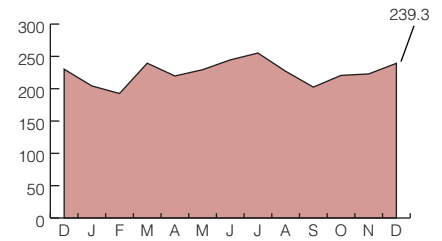
Source: American Electric Power Company, Brownsville Public Utilities Board & El Paso Electric Company

Note: Totals may not add up due to rounding.

Air Passenger Service Activity (Number of Passengers)

City	Dec 06		05 vs. 06		EOY 05		EOY 06		EOY	
		%Share	%Chg			%Share	%Chg			%Chg
Brownsville	7,182	3.0	6.2	137,104	89,823	3.3	-34.5			
El Paso	150,790	63.0	2.0	1,673,763	1,691,162	62.7	1.0			
Harlingen	35,823	15.0	5.3	488,124	419,294	15.5	-14.1			
Laredo	9,889	4.1	30.9	93,749	99,805	3.7	6.5			
McAllen	35,639	14.9	4.9	359,497	397,598	14.7	10.6			
Total	239,323	100.0	4.0	2,752,237	2,697,682	100.0	-2.0			

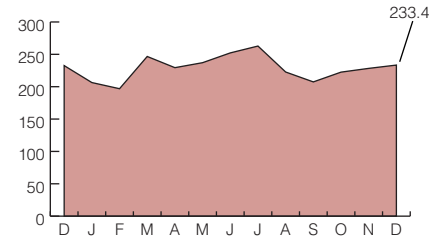
Air Passenger Activity All Cited Cities
Dec. 2005 vs. Dec. 2006
(Arrivals – In Thousands): Up **4.0%**



City	Dec 06		05 vs. 06		EOY 05		EOY 06		EOY	
		%Share	%Chg			%Share	%Chg			%Chg
Brownsville	7,436	3.2	8.8	142,551	91,538	3.3	-35.8			
El Paso	151,991	65.1	1.6	1,698,683	1,718,046	62.6	1.1			
Harlingen	36,477	15.6	5.1	505,068	440,174	16.0	-12.8			
Laredo	9,498	4.1	28.0	90,727	97,799	3.6	7.8			
McAllen	27,984	12.0	-17.5	368,492	398,466	14.5	8.1			
Total	233,386	100.0	0.4	2,805,521	2,746,023	100.0	-2.1			

Source: Airports in cited cities

(Departures – In Thousands): Up **0.4%**

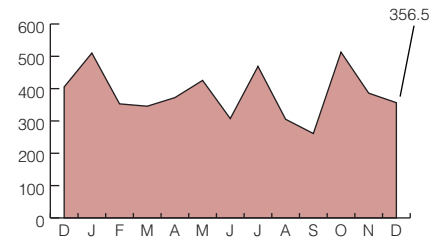
**Port of Brownsville** (Total Cargo in Metric Tons)

Cargo Type	Dec 06		05 vs. 06		EOY 05		EOY 06		EOY	
		%Share	%Chg			%Share	%Chg			%Chg
Break Bulk	212,883	59.7	-19.5	1,977,931	2,674,912	58.1	35.2			
Containers	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0.0	0.0			
Grain Bulk	0	0.0	0.0	14,403	0	0.0	-100.0			
Liquid	1,846	0.5	-92.6	215,359	384,809	8.4	78.7			
Machinery	4,723	1.3	112.5	73,204	49,717	1.1	-32.1			
Ores - Minerals	0	0.0	0.0	80,587	0	0.0	-100.0			
Other	0	0.0	0.0	205,601	23,398	0.5	-88.6			
Petroleum	137,025	38.4	20.7	1,416,562	1,471,538	32.0	3.9			
Steel - Other Minerals	0	0.0	0.0	98,448	0	0.0	-100.0			
Total	356,477	100.0	-12.0	4,082,094	4,604,374	100.0	12.8			

Source: Port of Brownsville

Note: Totals may not add up due to rounding.

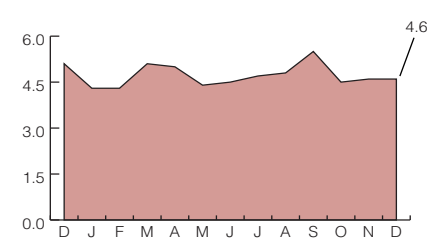
Port of Brownsville Total Cargo
Dec. 2005 vs. Dec. 2006: Down **12.0%**
(In Thousands of Metric Tons)

**Port of Corpus Christi** (Cargo in U.S. Tons)

Cargo Type	Dec 06		05 vs. 06		EOY 05		EOY 06		EOY	
		%Share	%Chg			%Share	%Chg			%Chg
Break Bulk	36,081	0.8	-81.8	659,555	140,074	0.2	-78.8			
Chemical	1,452	0.0	-91.5	144,946	111,391	0.2	-23.1			
Containers	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0.0	0.0			
Dry Bulk	362,755	7.8	-24.7	5,644,941	5,225,231	9.3	-7.4			
Grain Bulk	5,746	0.1	-43.7	19,607	15,267	0.0	-22.1			
Liquid	0	0.0	-100.0	312,568	147,534	0.3	-52.8			
Petroleum	4,238,444	91.3	-2.2	49,998,220	50,618,337	90.0	1.2			
Total	4,644,478	100.0	-8.6	56,779,837	56,257,834	100.0	-0.9			

Port of Corpus Christi Cargo
Dec. 2005 vs. Dec. 2006

(Inbound – In Millions of U.S. Tons): Down **8.6%**

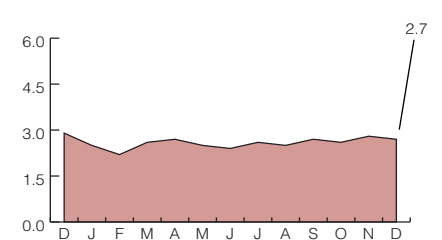


Cargo Type	Dec 06		05 vs. 06		EOY 05		EOY 06		EOY	
		%Share	%Chg			%Share	%Chg			%Chg
Break Bulk	14,929	0.6	-23.9	181,134	116,999	0.4	-35.4			
Chemical	107,040	4.0	-15.7	1,650,383	1,458,602	4.7	-11.6			
Containers	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0.0	0.0			
Dry Bulk	227,456	8.5	-26.4	3,629,027	2,474,899	8.1	-31.8			
Grain Bulk	283,171	10.6	56.1	2,079,222	2,016,344	6.6	-3.0			
Liquid	52,335	2.0	101.0	205,836	100,821	0.3	-51.0			
Petroleum	1,983,515	74.3	-11.6	23,534,132	24,557,711	79.9	4.3			
Total	2,668,447	100.0	-8.2	31,279,733	30,725,377	100.0	-1.8			

Source: Port of Corpus Christi

Note: Totals may not add up due to rounding.

(Outbound – In Millions of U.S. Tons): Down **8.2%**



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Table 5
U.S. Exports to Mexico Processed by U.S.-Mexico Border Ports
(In U.S. Dollars)

Port of Entry	2005 Total	2006 Total	'05 vs. '06 Percent Change
Brownsville	6,331,983,228	7,023,970,325	10.9
Del Rio	1,439,921,213	1,477,396,218	2.6
Eagle Pass	3,432,484,706	3,768,841,253	9.8
Laredo	41,027,913,573	45,926,540,816	11.9
Hidalgo	7,602,958,641	8,262,030,549	8.7
Rio Grande	80,592,063	157,656,992	95.6
Progreso	126,124,607	168,139,009	33.3
Roma	68,208,125	130,871,969	91.9
Edinburg Airport	465,300	4,059	-99.1
El Paso	18,895,150,680	21,026,841,491	11.3
Presidio	241,341,794	314,643,917	30.4
Fabens	4,991,238	1,172,061	-76.5
Columbus	17,692,996	13,491,923	-23.7
Santa Teresa	423,005,414	425,980,316	0.7
Santa Teresa Airport	7,875	14,220	80.6
Andrade	2,823,635	1,795,682	-36.4
Calexico	12,417,598	30,999,233	149.6
San Ysidro	138,115,839	145,534,846	5.4
Tecate	537,456,365	586,765,447	9.2
Otay Mesa Station	9,297,208,899	9,972,291,151	7.3
Calexico-East	4,702,484,864	4,981,973,915	5.9
Douglas	333,631,058	447,575,858	34.2
Lukeville	14,964,931	9,109,252	-39.1
Naco	74,944,620	92,354,777	23.2
Nogales	5,012,505,957	6,355,007,395	26.8
Sasabe	5,587,023	622,862	-88.9
San Luis	343,324,276	381,018,734	11.0
Total	100,168,306,518	111,702,644,270	11.5

Table 6
U.S. Imports from Mexico Processed by U.S.-Mexico Border Ports
(In U.S. Dollars)

Port of Entry	2005 Total	2006 Total	'05 vs. '06 Percent Change
Brownsville	5,119,040,609	5,605,226,674	9.5
Del Rio	1,599,001,822	1,637,534,302	2.4
Eagle Pass	4,257,592,282	7,477,458,570	75.6
Laredo	52,801,486,994	58,215,840,784	10.3
Hidalgo	10,663,906,805	11,772,001,725	10.4
Rio Grande	153,534,596	215,056,557	40.1
Progreso	9,869,424	50,741,015	414.1
Roma	9,985,919	11,208,049	12.2
Edinburg Airport	0	0	-
El Paso	24,240,931,607	25,787,354,404	6.4
Presidio	148,921,405	146,430,640	-1.7
Fabens	11,089	3,968	-64.2
Columbus	34,867,847	35,668,921	2.3
Santa Teresa	756,855,134	739,987,014	-2.2
Santa Teresa Airport	0	0	-
Andrade	0	0	-
Calexico	0	0	-
San Ysidro	0	136,156	-
Tecate	619,745,557	620,858,585	0.2
Otay Mesa Station	15,151,096,737	18,661,354,113	23.2
Calexico-East	6,047,754,247	6,660,908,532	10.1
Douglas	784,473,342	708,507,573	-9.7
Lukeville	242,801	250,606	3.2
Naco	35,040,805	40,537,743	15.7
Nogales	9,054,886,435	12,517,055,675	38.2
Sasabe	0	0	-
San Luis	635,452,651	627,004,757	-1.3
Total	132,124,698,108	151,531,126,363	14.7

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce data compiled by the Texas Center at Texas A&M International University (Tables 1-6)

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